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Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal Attorney Docket No. : 501082.03  
Serial No. : 09/652,841 Group Art Unit : 2815  
Filed : August 31, 2000 Examiner : Jose R. Diaz  
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A  
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Submission previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Submission enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (Supp. IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

☒ Postcard  
☒ Check  
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**4. Deposit Account**

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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